

Students' Association
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FTII STRIKE: Day 88

Throughout this strike and ensuing situation of crisis, the students of the Film and Television Institute of India have made painstaking efforts and shown remarkable resilience and patience in keeping their integrity intact. The students have never resorted to violence or vandalism throughout this remarkably long period of time, despite the agony, anguish and trauma that they have gone through.

The response by the incumbent government towards this situation has continually stirred us, disheartened and destroyed our fundamental faith in our governance. The S M Khan committee report was used as a deviating tactic to keep us silent for the last weeks and the outcome of which is still in the public eye, a mystery.

It has become no longer tolerable for the FTII community to accept this situation, which is representative by the fact that Abhijit Das, one of our faculty members has been on a hunger strike for the last **54 hours**, to push the ministry towards resolving the issue.

Students of the FTII, if their concerns are not quelled, will now begin going on an indefinite hunger strike. There is no timeline that has been fixed for the same as of now. A hunger strike, is the most critical, serious and detrimental action that an individual can take that signifies his loss of faith as well as highlights the trauma and urgency that he/she has to get a resolution for what he/she is fighting for, The declaration of this imminent action by the Students Association wishes to bring the light the extent of the crisis that is now upon us, and that resolution has to arrive immediately.

With regards to the PIL, the Students Association wants to state that ***this PIL had nothing to do with our students and was based on a lot of incorrect information collected from selected news articles. The petitioner did not speak to the Students Body*** or to any students to take stock of the ground realities and this PIL does not attempt to raise issues with respect to the appointments in the FTII society and/or the process adopted for the same.

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